

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
MEETING OF MAY 29, 2001  
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting was held at 5: 30 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

**Mercurio Martinez, Jr.**  
**Jerry Vasquez**  
**Judith Gutierrez**  
**Felix Velasquez**  
**Miguel Urdiales**

**County Judge**  
**Commissioner Prct. #1**  
**Commissioner Prct. #2**  
**Commissioner Prct. #3**  
**Commissioner Prct. #4**

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda notice as posted in the meeting notice of the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2001. Present were Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk, representing Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the court.

**01-05-185**

**1.**

**Call to Order –Judge Martinez**  
**Invocation – Mr. Chuck Owen**  
**Pledge of Allegiance – said by all**

**01-05-186**

**2. Minutes –**

The court deferred this item for next meeting.

**01-05-187**

**3. Communications –**

The court presented the “Commissioners Court reaching for the Stars” award to the Alexander Baseball Team who recently won the District 5 A Championship, and for their outstanding achievement.

Texas Department of Health notification of the 2001 payment from the tobacco settlement proceeds being \$ 268,874.19.

Texas Commission on Jail Standards letter regarding a variance order given to the Webb County Jail.

City of Laredo/EMS call to Webb County for the month of April 2001.

**01-05-189**

**4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports –**

Motion to accept any and all reports presented.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez  
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0

Motion to move up item **01-05-190 6. – f. :**

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to schedule a Special Meeting to evaluate and award the Request for Proposals for additional county jail facilities, under request for proposals previously published by Webb County.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 1 } Commissioner Urdiales

Abstain: 0

Motion to move up item **01-05-190 6. – d. (2.) :**

At this time Judge Jesus Garza, Judge Ben Morales and Judge Joseph Dickenson came before the court to address the court on a citizen's petition calling for a Special Election for the approval of sale or issuance of bonds for the construction of the Juvenile Youth Village, with further discussion to possibly submit to the Elections Administrator for certification.

**01-05-190**

**6. – a.**

Motion to fill the following slots:

Slot # 327 (receptionist) @ \$ 7.17 an hour

Slot # 352 (detention officer) @ \$ 9.98 an hour

Slot # 1678 9drill instructor) @ \$ 9.52 an hour

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – b.**

Motion to approve a line item transfer as follows:

From: acct. 817-0105-6035 (worker compensation premium) \$ 3,000.00

To: acct. 817-0105-5601 (adm. travel) \$ 3,000.00

\*\* After discussion the court instructed Ms. Puente to get together with the County Auditor to find another line item to deduct the \$ 3,000.00 from not the worker compensation fund.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – c.**

Motion to approve a line item transfer:

From: acct. 193-1100-5601 (adm. travel) \$ 800.00

To: acct. 001-1100-8801 (capital outlay) \$ 800.00

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – e.**

Motion to issue/ratify ‘Certification regarding compliance with plat requirements and the connection of utilities’ to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Sec. 232.029 (c) (i), TLGC

Block 11, Lot 21, Colorado Acres Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – f.**

- 1.** Motion to accept the request from Wells Fargo to terminate Lease Agreement for Motorbank located at 902 Victoria Street, Laredo, Texas, effective August 17, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – f.**

**3.**

Motion to enter into a Professional Service Contract Agreement between Webb County and Gibson Gonzalez & Associates of Alexandria, Virginia, to assist in the preparation of the Presidential Permit application at a cost of \$ 6,000 per month plus reasonable expenses and ordering a per V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §262.023 (competitive bidding/competitive proposal requirements) the term of the contract will be for one year with 30 day cancellation clause with possible two six months extension and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – f.**

**6.**

Motion to defer this item:

Action to schedule evaluations for all department heads under the Commissioners Court.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – g.**

**2.**

Motion to authorize the award of the bid J. Solis Maintenance & Welding Service in the amount of \$ 205,920.00 for the construction of the Utilities Department Administration building (Funding is available from acct. 610-8001-8601).

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – g.**

**3.**

Motion to send Mr. Fernando Roman a letter requesting a status report regarding the TWDB-EDAP water and wastewater project for the Colonias located on Highway 359, Mines Road and Pentas West.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – h.**

**1.**

Motion to approve the Central Welfare agency to collaborate with the Laredo Veteran's Coalition to extend the medication program (pharmaceutical Program) to the Veteran's by having two employees assigned to process applications every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 1:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m. effective June 13, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – h.**

**2.**

Motion to approve a line-item transfer as follows:

From: acct. 001-4101-5601 (adm. travel) \$ 1,000.00  
6022 (prof. services) \$ 400.00  
7006 (indigent rents) \$ 2,000.00

total \$ 3,400.00

To: acct 001-4101-7003 (indigent burial) \$ 3,400.00

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 4

Against: 1 } Commissioner Urdiales

Abstain: 0

**6. – i.**

Motion to approve a refund:

Nationwide Mortgage Corp.  
Reason: Payment made in error  
Total refund: \$ 3,151.84

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**01-05-191**

**7. – a.**

Motion to proceed with Category B elections as per the governing regulations of the Advisory Board of the Webb County Community Action Agency due to current vacancy (The Advisory Board shall be composed of membership that complies with the Community Social Services Block Grant Policy issuance #95-2.2 dated May 17, 1995. The Category B shall consist of members who will be elected by the residents in the areas of the county they will represent). Elections will be held for the representatives and alternates for area VII/Santo Nino.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**7. – b.**

Motion to authorize the submission of a Grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the Community Action Agency Rural Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 (application for the re-funding Operational budget – approximate amount \$ 884,000 – No impact on the General Fund).

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**7. – c. & d.**

Motion to approve the The Young Lawyers Association for the “Category C” for the Community Action Agency Advisory Board, to fill current vacancy and;

Approve an additional \$ 50,508.00 for the Weatherization Program Grant from Central power & Light component for Fiscal Year 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0



**01-05-192**

**8. – a.**

Motion to authorize the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$ 500,000 with the county-in-kind in the amount of 4 26,000 to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a home-owner occupied Housing Assistance Program and authorizing the County's participation in the Home Program (the grant will provide for the rehabilitation of 16 homes - \$ 30,000 each and \$ 20,000 for administration fees).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**8. – b.**

Motion to solicit bids for the purchase of one 15-passenger "all purpose" van to commence work on subcontract # 03-G-01 entered into with funding agency Texas Transportation Institute for work in the Tamiu Colonia project up to a total amount of \$ 25,000 and authorizing the County Judge to act as the county's representative in all matters pertaining the county's participation in the Tamiu Colonias Project.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**01-05-193**

**9. – a. & b.**

Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to auction motor graders and;

Solicit bids for one type II bus for the Community Action Agency Transportation Department.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7:56 p.m.

Motion to go into Executive Session for the following items:

- 6. – f. (4.) } Action to approve the rental of the Horse & Carriage  
for weddings requested by the public.**
- 6. – g. (1.) } Action on the closure of the Bruni Landfill in Bruni, Texas.**
- 6. – f. (2.) } Action to address damage to the Webb County Justice Center,  
including but not limited to, authorize expenditures, retaining  
service providers, implementing procedures and policies for  
damage assessment, remediation, temporary location of office for  
continuation of necessary services, and other incidental matters;  
Order by Commissioners Court granting an exemption from  
Competitive Bidding pursuant to Local Government Code  
262.024 (a) 1 (to preserve the property of the county). And  
262.024 (a) 3 (due to unforeseen damage to public property)**

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

\*\*\*\*\***EXECUTIVE SESSION**\*\*\*\*\*

9: 05 P.M.

The court returned to regular session and Judge Martinez stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

**6. – g. (1.)**

Motion to have three (3) Public Hearings in the Quad Cities regarding the closure of the landfill and to inform residents.

**\*\* The date and time of the hearings will be provided later.**

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – f. (2).**

Motion to address all questions from the adjuster to Judge Mercurio Martinez regarding the Justice Center.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**6. – f. (4.)**

Motion to defer this item.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0